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Merlin Burt, Center director, holds the first letter John Nevins Andrews sent his mother as a missionary, one of 31 original letters recently added to the Center's collection.

## Center for Adventist Research Receives Andrews/Spicer Collection

The Center for Adventist Research at Andrews University recently received a generous donation. It included important letters, documents, photographs, and artifacts from the life of John Nevins Andrews (JNA), the first Seventh-day Adventist missionary, as well as the missionary work of the Andrews/Spicer family in Tibet.

The collection was donated to the Center in Oct. 2005 by Jeannie Andrews, great-granddaughter of JNA.

There are 31 original JNA letters in the collection, including a letter dated Sept. 26, 1874, written to his mother upon setting foot on the shores of England. It is the first letter from the first official Adventist missionary written from a foreign land. Also included in the collection is the original French language covenant detailing the family's commitment to speak only French at home. About ten original Ellen G. White letters, six or seven of which were previously unknown, are also in the collection.

"This is among the most significant collection of original, handwritten correspondence from early Adventist pioneers," said Merlin Burt, Center director. "Previous to this collection, we had no original JNA letters at Andrews, and there were only a few at the GC (General Conference) and other institutions. This is now the treasure trove of JNA correspondence."

Several historically important photographs, including two daguerreotypes\* depicting the earliest known pictures of Andrews, his parents, and brother are also included, as well as the only known photo of Carrie Andrews, JNA's daughter who died in early childhood.

A collection of letters between Dorothy (Spicer) Andrews, daughter of W.A. Spicer and wife of John Nevins Andrews, M.D., and her daughter, Jeannie Andrews, detailing life in the Tibet mission field in the early 20th century, as well as several Tibetan artifacts, are also included.

"It's more than just history," comments Burt on the collection's significance, "it helps you get to know JNA better as you read pictures of his deep, personal spiritual commitment and the close family relationship between him and his wife and his children."

Beverly Stout, University Relations correspondent

\*An early photographic process with the image made on a light-sensitive silver-coated metallic plate



A rare daguerreotype depicts the earliest known photograph of John and William Andrews.

## Seminars Offer College Financial Aid Information

Andrews University representatives will visit the following Lake Union academies to present "Paying for College" seminars. These seminars are designed to help students complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) forms in preparation for college enrollment in Fall 2006, as well as help gain an understanding of the overall financial aid process.

Since all colleges and universities use the same FAFSA forms, parents and academy/high school seniors from any secondary school are invited to attend the seminar, regardless of which colleges they plan to apply to. Representatives from both the Student Financial Services and Enrollment Management offices at Andrews University will be present at each seminar.

### Andrews Academy

Wed., Feb. 1, at 7:00 p.m.

### Battle Creek Academy

Tues., Feb. 7, at 7:00 p.m.

### Broadview Academy\*

Sun., Jan. 22, at 1:00 p.m.

### Chicago Academy\*

Wed., Jan. 11, at 3:00 p.m.

### Grand Rapids Adventist Academy

Sat., Jan. 7, at 7:00 p.m.

### Great Lakes Adventist Academy

Sun., Jan. 15, at 1:00 p.m.

### Hinsdale Academy\*

Thurs., Jan. 26, at 7:00 p.m.

### Indiana Academy

Sun., Feb. 12, at 10:30 a.m.

### Peterson-Warren Academy

Tues., Feb. 7, at 9:15 a.m.

### Wisconsin Academy\*

Tues., Jan. 24, (time T.B.A.)

For additional information call (269) 471-3854.

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\* Central Time